20A-13-101.1. Definitions.

As used in this part:

(1) "Census block" means any one of the 115,406 individual geographic areas into which the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce has divided the state of Utah, to each of which the Bureau of the Census has attached a discrete population tabulation from the 2010 decennial census.

(2) "Congressional block assignment file" means the electronic file that assigns each of Utah's 115,406 census blocks to a particular Congressional district.

(3) "Congressional shapefile" means the electronic shapefile that stores the boundary of each of the four United States Congressional district boundaries for Utah.

(4) "Shapefile" means the digital vector storage format for storing geometric location and associated attribute information.

Amended by Chapter 383, 2013 General Session

20A-13-101.5. Representatives to the United States Congress -- Four representative districts -- When elected -- District boundaries.

(1) (a) The state of Utah is divided into four districts for the election of representatives to the Congress of the United States, with one member to be elected from each Congressional district.

(b) At the general election to be held in 2012, and biennially thereafter, one representative from each Congressional district shall be elected to serve in the Congress of the United States.

(2) The Legislature adopts the official census population figures and maps of the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce developed in connection with the taking of the 2010 national decennial census as the official data for establishing Congressional district boundaries.

(3) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the Legislature enacts the district numbers and boundaries of the Congressional districts designated in the Congressional shapefile that is the electronic component of the bill that enacts this section.

(b) That Congressional shapefile, and Congressional boundaries generated from that Congressional shapefile, may be accessed via the Utah Legislature's website.

Amended by Chapter 383, 2013 General Session

20A-13-102. Congressional districts.

(1) (a) The Legislature shall file a copy of the Congressional shapefile enacted by the Legislature with the lieutenant governor's office.

(b) The legal boundaries of Utah's Congressional districts are contained in the Congressional shapefile on file with the lieutenant governor's office.

(2) (a) The lieutenant governor shall:

(i) generate maps of each Congressional district from the Congressional shapefile; and

(ii) ensure that those maps are available for viewing on the lieutenant governor's website.

(b) If there is any inconsistency between the maps and the Congressional

shapefile, the Congressional shapefile is controlling.

Amended by Chapter 383, 2013 General Session

20A-13-102.2.   County clerk, Automated Geographic Reference Center, and lieutenant governor responsibilities -- Maps and voting precinct boundaries.
(1) Each county clerk shall obtain a copy of the Congressional shapefile for the clerk's county from the lieutenant governor's office.
(2) (a) A county clerk may create one or more county maps that identify the boundaries of Utah's Congressional districts as generated from the Congressional shapefile.
(b) Before publishing or distributing any map or data created by the county clerk that identifies the boundaries of Utah's Congressional districts within the county, the county clerk shall submit the county map and data to the lieutenant governor and to the Automated Geographic Reference Center for review.
(c) Within 30 days after receipt of a county map and data from a county clerk, the Automated Geographic Reference Center shall:
(i) review the county map and data to evaluate if the county map and data accurately reflect the boundaries of Utah's Congressional districts established by the Legislature in the Congressional shapefile;
(ii) determine whether the county map and data are correct or incorrect; and
(iii) communicate those findings to the lieutenant governor.
(d) The lieutenant governor shall either notify the county clerk that the county map and data are correct or notify the county clerk that the county map and data are incorrect.
(e) If the county clerk receives notice from the lieutenant governor that the county map and data submitted are incorrect, the county clerk shall:
(i) make the corrections necessary to conform the county map and data to the Congressional shapefile; and
(ii) resubmit the corrected county map and data to the lieutenant governor and to the Automated Geographic Reference Center for a new review under this Subsection (2).
(3) (a) Subject to the requirements of this Subsection (3), each county clerk shall establish voting precincts and polling places within each Utah Congressional district according to the procedures and requirements of Section 20A-5-303.
(b) Within five working days after approval of voting precincts and polling places by the county legislative body as required by Section 20A-5-303, each county clerk shall submit a voting precinct map identifying the boundaries of each voting precinct within the county to the lieutenant governor and to the Automated Geographic Reference Center for review.
(c) Within 30 days after receipt of a map from a county clerk, the Automated Geographic Reference Center shall:
(i) review the voting precinct map to evaluate if the voting precinct map accurately reflects the boundaries of Utah's Congressional districts established by the Legislature in the Congressional shapefile;
(ii) determine whether the voting precinct map is correct or incorrect; and

(iii) communicate those findings to the lieutenant governor.

(d) The lieutenant governor shall either notify the county clerk that the voting precinct map is correct or notify the county clerk that the map is incorrect.

(e) If the county clerk receives notice from the lieutenant governor that the voting precinct map is incorrect, the county clerk shall:

(i) make the corrections necessary to conform the voting precinct map to the Congressional shapefile; and

(ii) resubmit the corrected voting precinct map to the lieutenant governor and to the Automated Geographic Reference Center for a new review under this Subsection (3).

Amended by Chapter 383, 2013 General Session

20A-13-103.   Omissions from maps -- How resolved.

(1) If any area of the state is omitted from a Congressional district in the Congressional shapefile enacted by the Legislature, the county clerk of the affected county, upon discovery of the omission, shall attach the area to the appropriate Congressional district according to the requirements of Subsections (2) and (3).

(2) If the omitted area is surrounded by a single Congressional district, the county clerk shall attach the area to that district.

(3) If the omitted area is contiguous to two or more Congressional districts, the county clerk shall attach the area to the district that has the least population, as determined by the Utah Population Estimates Committee.

(4) The county clerk shall certify in writing and file with the lieutenant governor any attachment made under this section.

Amended by Chapter 383, 2013 General Session

20A-13-104.   Uncertain boundaries -- How resolved.

(1) As used in this section, "affected party" means:

(a) a representative whose Congressional district boundary is uncertain because the boundary in the Congressional shapefile used to establish the district boundary has been removed, modified, or is unable to be identified or who is uncertain about whether or not the representative or another person resides in a particular Congressional district;

(b) a candidate for Congressional representative whose Congressional district boundary is uncertain because the boundary in the Congressional shapefile used to establish the district boundary has been removed, modified, or is unable to be identified or who is uncertain about whether or not the candidate or another person resides in a particular Congressional district; or

(c) a person who is uncertain about which Congressional district contains the person's residence because the boundary in the Congressional shapefile used to establish the district boundary has been removed, modified, or is unable to be identified.

(2) (a) An affected party may file a written request petitioning the lieutenant governor to determine:

(i) the precise location of the Congressional district boundary;

(ii) the number of the Congressional district in which a person resides; or

(iii) both Subsections (2)(a)(i) and (ii).

(b) In order to make the determination required by Subsection (2)(a), the lieutenant governor shall review the Congressional shapefile and obtain and review other relevant data such as aerial photographs, aerial maps, or other data about the area.

(c) Within five days of receipt of the request, the lieutenant governor shall review the Congressional shapefile, obtain and review any relevant data, and make a determination.

(d) When the lieutenant governor determines the location of the Congressional district boundary, the lieutenant governor shall:

(i) prepare a certification identifying the appropriate boundary and attaching a map, if necessary; and

(ii) send a copy of the certification to:

(A) the affected party;

(B) the county clerk of the affected county; and

(C) the Automated Geographic Reference Center created under Section 63F-1-506.

(e) If the lieutenant governor determines the number of the Congressional district in which a particular person resides, the lieutenant governor shall send a letter identifying that district by number to:

(i) the person;

(ii) the affected party who filed the petition, if different than the person whose Congressional district number was identified; and

(iii) the county clerk of the affected county.

Amended by Chapter 383, 2013 General Session

20A-13-201.   Senators -- When elected.

At the general election in November, 1932, and at each general election immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office of a United States senator from Utah, there shall be elected one United States senator to serve for a period of six years.

Enacted by Chapter 1, 1995 General Session

20A-13-301.   Presidential elections -- Effect of vote.

(1) (a) Each registered political party shall choose persons to act as presidential electors and to fill vacancies in the office of presidential electors for their party's candidates for President and Vice President according to the procedures established in their bylaws.

(b) Each registered political party shall certify to the lieutenant governor the names and addresses of the persons selected by the political party as the party's presidential electors by August 31.

(2) The highest number of votes cast for a political party's president and vice

president candidates elects the presidential electors selected by that political party.

Amended by Chapter 2, 2011 Special Session 3

20A-13-302.   Certificate of election.
(1) The lieutenant governor shall transmit certificates of election to each of the electors selected by the political party whose candidates for president and vice president received the highest number of votes in Utah.
(2) Presidential electors may not receive compensation for their services.

Amended by Chapter 78, 2001 General Session

20A-13-303.   Filling vacancies.
If there is a vacancy in the office of presidential elector because of death, refusal to act, failure to attend, ineligibility, or any other cause, the political party represented by the elector who caused the vacancy shall immediately fill the vacancy.

Amended by Chapter 78, 2001 General Session

20A-13-304.   Meeting to ballot -- Casting ballot for person not nominated by elector's party.
(1) The electors shall meet at the office of the lieutenant governor at the state capitol at noon of the first Wednesday of the January after their election, or at noon of any other day designated by the Congress of the United States of America.
(2) After convening, the electors shall perform their duties in conformity with the United States Constitution and laws.
(3) Any elector who casts an electoral ballot for a person not nominated by the party of which he is an elector, except in the cases of death or felony conviction of a candidate, is considered to have resigned from the office of elector, his vote may not be recorded, and the remaining electors shall appoint another person to fill the vacancy.

Enacted by Chapter 1, 1995 General Session